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SUBJECT: TEXTILE OVERSHIPMENTS

REF: A. SEOUL 1312 B. STATE 044063

1. MCI EXPORT PROMOTION BUREAU DIRECTOR KIM, SON KIL
HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY INFORMALLY WITH COPY OF NOTE TO BE
DELIVERED LATER THIS WEEK TO DEPARTMENT BY KOREAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE

" I HAVE HONOR TO REFER TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING EXPORTS OF WOOL AND
MAN- MADE FIBER TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM THE ROK TO
THE US AND ALSO TO RECENT MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION
ACCORD, MARCH 2, 1973.

" TO MAKE SURE THAT WOOL AND MAN- MADE FIBER TEXTILE
AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED IN FUTURE TO
AVOID RECURRENCE OF OVERSHIPMENT PROBLEM AND TO
MAINTAIN ORDERLY MARKET ESPECIALLY IN US, I REQUEST
USG ASAP TO PUT TEMPORARY EMBARGO ON CATEGORY
21 9 BEYOND 63,548,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT.

" AN INVESTIGATION TEAM WILL BE SENT TO
WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY TO UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATION
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NEEDED TO SOLVE OVERSHIPMENT PROBLEMS. END QUOTE.

2. KIM NOTED THAT ROKG HAS ALREADY TEMPORARILY HALTED 219 SHIPMENTS FROM KOREA, AND PARALLEL ACTION BY USG WOULD PREVENT CUSTOMS CLEARANCES OF GARMENTS CURRENTLY IN TRANSIT AND IN U. S. CUSTOMS WAREHOUSES.

3. EMBOFF AGREED TRANSMIT NOTE. WHEN KIM ASKED OPINION WHETHER USG WOULD ACCEDE TO REQUEST, EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT AFTER PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER OF NOTICE OF LIFTING OF EMBARGO ON 219 USG MAY BE HESITANT TO REIMPOSE IT SO QUICKLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE U. S. IMPORTERS' INTERESTS OBVIOUSLY INVOLVED. IN THIS CONNECTION EMBOFF NOTED REQUEST BY AMERICAN IMPORTERS IN SEOUL FOR EMBASSY INTERVENTION WITH ROKG TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF SAMPLES DURING PERIOD OF TEMPORARY ROKG EMBARGO. KIM EXPRESSED OFF THE CUFF VIEW THAT THIS IDEA IS IMPRACTICAL BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN IDENTIFYING BONA FIDE SAMPLES, BUT AGREED TO LOOK INTO IT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO ROKG PROPOSAL. DECONTROL 12-31-73.
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